

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1739 - SB 1757

February 4, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits voting by means of text message for members of a public meeting of a state board, agency, commission, or municipal governing body.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Members participating in meetings by electronic means are not eligible to receive per diem (Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-108) but are eligible to receive reimbursement for expenses related to electronic communication.
- Increased in-person member participation will result in an increase in per diem expenditures and a decrease in reimbursement expenditures for electronic communication expenses.
- Any change in member participation by electronic means is not expected to result in a significant fiscal impact for state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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